

**GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MINORITY AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS
ENTERPRISES
June 11, 2007
MINUTES**

The Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises met on June 11, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Government Center South, Conference Room A, Indianapolis, Indiana.

HAND-OUTS

The Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE) staff distributed several hand-outs to the commissioners prior to the start of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commission Members Present:

**Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative
Angela Faulkner, Faulkner Strategies
Carrie Henderson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA)
Martha Kenley for Karl Browning, Commissioner INDOT (Non Voting)
Tony Kirkland, Office of Governor Mitchell E. Daniels
Rae Pearson, Alpha Rae Personnel
Lisa Spalding for Nate Feltman, Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Sarah Taylor,
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction Company
Gilbert Velez
Priya Wharton, Tri-Star Engineering**

Commission Members Absent:

**Jean Breaux, Indiana State Senator
Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative
Greg Porter, State Representative
William Harmon, Harmon Construction
Nell Hill, Aztec**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tony Kirkland.

WELCOME

Chairman Tony Kirkland welcomed the Commission members and attendees and asked everyone to sign-in before leaving the meeting. Chairman Kirkland welcomed the new members of the Commission, Gilbert Velez, Sarah Taylor, and Lisa Spalding.

Commissioner Henderson moved to adopt the minutes of the December 11, 2006 and March 26, 2007 minutes as presented. Second by Commissioner Velez, motion approved.

Claudia Cummings, Deputy Commissioner, also welcomed the Commission members and attendees. Deputy Commissioner Cummings introduced the three new MWBE employees, Stacy Shew, Deputy Director Certification, Natalee Summers, Deputy Director of Business Development and Nicole Hawkins, Outreach Manager.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Deputy Commissioner Claudia Cummings referred the attendees to the hand-outs and gave a brief overview of each subject.

Commissioner Sarah Taylor suggested that previous quarter/year be listed on the MWBE Comparison report.

Commissioner Gilbert Velez inquired about the bidding process procedures. Deputy Commissioner Cummings and Commissioner Carrie Henderson responded to his inquiry.

ADOPTION OF REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MARCH 1, 2007

Commissioner Velez moved to accept the report as written. Commissioner Rae Pearson provided a second. The motion was passed.

NON-PROFIT CERTIFICATION

Deputy Commissioner Cummings presented a review of the new statute (H.B. 1566 and S.B. 211) that will go into effect, July 1, 2007; permitting the certification of non-profit organizations.

Chairman Kirkland noted the need for discussion with non-profit organizations and how contracts will be awarded. Discussion then ensued between commission members on the clear interpretation and intent of the statute and the Commissions responsibilities to set a procedure in place for the certifications of non-profits.

Chairman Kirkland entertained a motion to develop an evaluation/certification process on a case by case basis until the Commission notes otherwise. A special meeting will be called to address this. Chairman Velez provided a motion and the second was by Commissioner Faulkner.

Commissioner Sarah Taylor inquired about a special grievance process regarding this statute. Commissioner Henderson and Deputy Commissioner Cummings replied to Commissioner Taylor's inquiry. Further discussion continued amongst the Commission regarding the grievance process. Chairman Kirkland suggested a "sub-committee" be formed to address such matters. Chairman Kirkland and Commissioners Henderson and Kenley volunteered to serve on the sub-committee.

2007 GOAL SETTING

Deputy Commissioner Cummings presented the MWBE Goal Report to the Commission. Deputy Commissioner Cummings referenced that MWBE Capacity was considered when presenting suggested goals to the commission.

Chairman Kirkland opened discussion regarding setting attainable goals. He believes the suggested goals are attainable. Discussion then followed regarding the goals and the disparity study. Commissioner Falkner moved to accept the suggested goals as the goals for 2007-08. A second was made by Commissioner Taylor. A roll call vote was taken-the motion was approved unanimously. The goals are:

MBE Participation		WBE Participation
Construction	7%	5%
Professional Services	8%	8%
Supplies	4%	9%

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stacey Smith, CEO of Prairie Quest Consulting, spoke in support of H.B. 1566 and stressed the importance of clearly defining the competitive advantage role with regards to non-profit certification.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trotter moved (Second by Commissioner Pearson) to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.